

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 1-8 (withdrawn)

9. (currently amended) An apparatus for building ~~and transferring~~ a tread belt reinforcing assembly ~~comprises~~ comprising:

a building drum mounted on a drum supporting shaft;  
a drive means for rotating a building drum, the drive means including a the drum supporting shaft; and  
a building drum;  
a weight sensor connected to the drum supporting shaft and the drive means.

10. (currently amended) The apparatus for building ~~and transferring~~ a tread belt reinforcing assembly of claim 9 further ~~comprises~~ comprising:

a computer controller ~~controlled means~~ for adjusting the amount of material .  
being applied to the building drum, the computer controller in electrical  
communication with said weight sensor ~~controlled means~~ analyses the weight sensor  
data to directly increase or decrease the material.

11. (currently amended) The apparatus for building ~~and transferring~~ a tread belt reinforcing assembly of claim 10 further comprises at least one means for forming strips of elastomeric material to be applied to the building drum, the means being controlled by the computer controller. ~~control means~~.

Claims 12-16 (withdrawn)